

Minutes
Energy Advisory Committee
Date: 13 November 2009

Present: Sharon Anderson, Rick Bedard, Robert Blackman, Laurie Connors, John McGarry, Brian Stowell, Brad Turner

Absent: George D'Auteuil, James Dunn

Call to Order: 8:41 A.M.

Acceptance of Past Minutes: Brad motioned to accept the minutes of the 22 October meeting; Rick seconded. Unanimous vote with Brian abstaining.

Chair's Minute: Laurie reported that *Weston & Sampson's* draft for the Feasibility Study Grant Application will be done today (13 November), and that they recommended delaying the installation of a MET tower until all other feasibility work is complete and the results indicate that the wind turbine has potential. This will reduce the cost of the study by more than \$20,000. Also, they didn't recommend the use of LIDAR as the technology is new, and therefore the data may not always be accepted.

Reports:

1) Engineering Consultant Selection Committee

John, Jim, and Laurie reported that they chose *Weston & Sampson* over *Meridian* and *SED* because *Weston & Sampson* interviewed very well and made concrete suggestions that made sense. Unfortunately, *SED* was ill-prepared for the interview, and *Meridia's* proposal failed to demonstrate much effort.

2) MA Technology Collaborative Matching Funds

Rick submitted an abstract for a solar energy system using solar panels to be used at the high school. It was proposed by Engineering and Physics teacher Pravin Trivedi. It will light the school sign and power the walkie-talkies, the cleaning zamboni, and the roving maintenance electrical vehicle. The cost of this equipment exceeds the budgeted sum of \$4,441.98 by \$300. However, the School Department will cover the excess. Bob will complete and submit the application before 30 November.

New Business: For the Feasibility Study Grant Application, Laurie had her secretary gather the annual electricity cost and usage for the more than fifty town accounts. She will send this document via e-mail for the Committee members to review.

Adjournment: At 9:20, Brad motioned to adjourn. Rick seconded. Unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: Friday 11 December @ 8:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Anderson

ATTEST:
